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HAPPY NEW YEAR...2020!



Our 2019 Food & Toy Drive Brought Many Smiles To Many Children's Faces

Sponsored by the Third Taxing District Electric Department

The food was given to Society St. Vincent de Paul, and the toys were given to Dylan's Army and Charlotte's Web of Prayer, who donate the goods to children and families.

Dylan's Army is an extension of Charlotte's Web of Prayer ("CWOP") that serves the community of children and families facing life threatening illnesses and diseases. CWOP serves families and children all over the country, while Dylan's Army serves Norwalk and Yale New Haven Hospital's Pediatric Units. The toys and pajamas are collected and distributed to fill the toy closets of the units and given to children in need of these items while they are receiving treatment and confined to the hospital.

This year, many families wrote to Dylan's Army and CWOP to express their thanks and appreciation.

"To everyone at Dylan's Army and CWOP, We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of our family during these difficult times. Your personal commitment was incredibly helpful and allowed us to relax a bit and breathe during the holiday season. We don't know how we would have provided Christmas for our three children without you, and your beautiful hearts. Your assistance means so much to us. Thank you from the bottom of all of our hearts."

"My family and I would like to thank you for the donations you have made to Charlotte's Web of Prayers and Dylan's Army. Our family has been blessed with the gifts of toys for our children, and our children were so excited to have received them. Bless your hearts always."

Charlotte's web of prayer



**"We are so grateful for your support!"
— Grace Fortunato, Dylan's Army**

The team behind the toys (left to right): Ron Scofield of TTD, Debbie Spinola of Partner's Café, Alyssa Fortunato and Grace Fortunato of Dylan's Army and Cynthia Tenney of TTD

TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

Pooch Hotel

Life Is Beautiful.

POOCH HOTEL IS A DOGGY HOTEL that offers daycare, boarding and grooming, with a mission to provide the best-in-quality care and convenience for their clients, guests and team. The day-to-day at Pooch Hotel provides dogs with a safe environment to play, socialize, sleep, exercise, cuddle and eat. Pooch Hotel's additional services vary; additional play times such as treadmill sessions and cuddle time can be found on their "A La Carte" menu.

Pooch Hotel was originally purchased by Petco in 2011. In 2014, Petco wanted to open a Norwalk location. Stephanie Santiana, General Manager, and five years at the Pooch Hotel in Norwalk says, "At that time, I was the Department Manager at the Petco store on Westport Ave. When I heard about Pooch Hotel, it intrigued me because I love working with pet parents and their dog's basic care, hands-on, so I transferred over to Pooch Hotel as Assistant Manager when they opened. Pooch Hotel was bought by Paradise 4 Paws in 2016. I love everything they have to offer dogs and their families."



Stephanie Santiana
Pooch Hotel
Norwalk, CT

There are four Paradise 4 Paws locations based near airports Chicago Midway, O'Hare, Dallas Fort Worth and Denver International, with another soon to open at John F. Kennedy International. There are currently six Pooch Hotels; two are located in Chicago and one located each in California, Texas, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Stephanie often looks back to her fond memories of working with dogs: "The best experiences are when a dog comes in as a puppy, watching that dog become an adult, and seeing how they bond with the 'pooch family'. We feel like those dogs become our dogs, too!" ●

Call: **203-838-4451**

and visit online: **www.poochhotel.com**

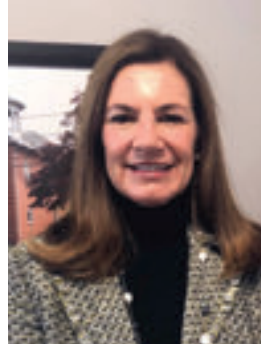


Thank you to everyone who donated food and toys for the 2019 Drive! Your donations brightened up the holidays for many children and their families.

Welcoming Michele Sweeney TTD's Newest Commissioner

The Third Taxing District welcomes Commissioner Michele Sweeney. Michele is a resident in East Norwalk and has lived in Norwalk for 14 years with her husband and two children. Michele's background will play an important role as Commissioner for TTD. Her expertise in budgeting will contribute greatly to the Third Taxing District utilization of valuable expenditure decisions.

Lastly, Michele says, "I love the East Norwalk Community and I look forward to doing anything I can to support it including keeping the library, cemetery, fire station and all of the public areas of East Norwalk in the best shape possible."



Michele Sweeney
Commissioner of Third
Taxing District, Norwalk, CT

Welcoming Read Auerbach TTD's Newest Treasurer

Read Auerbach is the new Treasurer for the Third Taxing District, as he was voted in November, 2019. Read grew up in East Norwalk and attended all of the public schools, and to this day has lived in the home he grew up in 64 years ago.

After high school, Read joined and served in the Navy during Vietnam, after which he joined the Carpenters Union. As an active member of the Norwalk community, Read has many accomplishments. For example, as of January, 2020, Read has served 42 years with the Norwalk Fire Department as Captain, holds a Commercial Real Estate Brokers license in CT and NY, is a Norwalk Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, is on the board for the Marvin Beach Association, a member of the Catholic Club, a member and former board member of the Norwalk Shore and Country Club, served on the board of the East Norwalk Improvement Association and a member of the South Norwalk Boat Club.

Read says, "Norwalk is an amazing place to live and now with the diversity and all of the new projects happening it is exciting and I am so proud of our community." ●



Read Auerbach
Treasurer of Third Taxing
District, Norwalk, CT

Monthly Tree Lightings

JANUARY

is birth defect prevention month. Birth defects affect one in 33 babies and are a leading cause of infant mortality in the United States.

More than 5,500 infants die each year because of birth defects, which is twice as many as from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). In addition, babies who survive and live with birth defects are at increased risk for developing many lifelong physical, cognitive, and social challenges.*

Visit marchofdimmes.org

*cdc.gov



FEBRUARY

The tree is lit in Red to symbolize the American Heart Association during the American Heart Health Month. The American Heart Association was

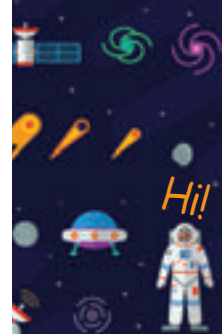
founded in 1924 and is dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke, both nationally and internationally. Along with their 30 million volunteers and supporters who understand heart disease, a lot of risks can be lowered by adhering to what they call, "Life's Simple 7": not smoking, being physically active, maintaining a healthy body weight, eating a healthy diet, controlling blood pressure, controlling cholesterol and controlling blood sugar." Visit heart.org



Lesson #32 from Kevin Kilowatt:

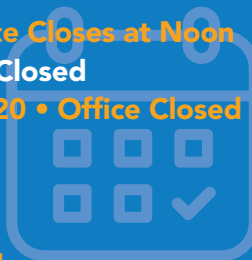
Is EVERYTHING made of electricity?

Kids ~ Electricity is not just something you buy in a battery! It is one of the basic ingredients of the Universe (whoa!). Everything around us is made of invisible atoms, and the atoms contain particles that carry an electric charge, which can be positive or negative. So, yes!



IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ NEW YEAR'S EVE • Tue., December 31 • Office Closes at Noon
- ⇒ NEW YEAR'S DAY • Wed., January 1 • Office Closed
- ⇒ MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY • Mon., January 20 • Office Closed
- ⇒ COMMISSION MEETING • Mon., January 27
- ⇒ PRESIDENT'S DAY • Mon., February 17
- ⇒ COMMISSION MEETING • Mon., February 24
- ⇒ DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING • Wed., March 4



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